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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PARM, AU

SUBJECT: POSTPONEMENT OF US-SOVIET SALT ROUND IN VIENNA

1. EMBASSY REQUESTED TO NOTIFY HIGHEST APPROPRIATE GOA  
OFFICIAL AT EARLIEST CONVENIENT TIME THAT THE US AND THE  
SOVIET UNION HAVE DETERMINED IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO POST-  
PONE THE SALT DISCUSSIONS SCHEDULED SEPTEMBER 7 TO 9 AND  
THE TALKS WILL THUS REGRETTABLY NOT TAKE PLACE IN VIENNA.

2. EMBASSY SHOULD CONVEY APPRECIATION TO GOA FOR EFFORTS  
MADE THUS FAR TO PREPARE FOR VISIT, IN PARTICULAR THE  
WILLINGNESS OF CHANCELLOR KREISKY TO BREAK SHORT HIS  
HOLIDAY IN ORDER TO MEET WITH THE SECRETARY.

3. EMBASSY MAY POINT OUT THAT THE US AND THE SOVIET UNION  
ARE AGREED THAT THE MEETING SCHEDULED TO BEGIN SEPTEMBER 7  
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IN VIENNA TO DISCUSS LIMITATIONS ON STRATEGIC ARMAMENTS AND  
OTHER MATTERS WILL BE DEFERRED TO WASHINGTON BEGINNING  
ON SEPTEMBER 22, IN ORDER TO ENABLE BOTH SIDES TO COMPLETE  
THEIR PREPARATIONS FOR THE MEETING.

4. THIS POSTPONEMENT WILL MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR THE SECRE-  
TARY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SIGNING OF THE PANAMA CANAL

TREATY IN WASHINGTON, SEPTEMBER 7.

5. EMBASSY MAY, AS APPROPRIATE, INDICATE THAT THE SECRETARY LOOKS FORWARD TO MEETING FOREIGN MINISTER PAHR AT THE UNGA IN NEW YORK.

6. AUTOMATICALLY DECLASSIFY WHEN PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE POSTPONEMENT IS MADE. CHRISTOPHER

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